

## MORE FISH STORIES.

Fishermen Who Cannot Be Distanced  
with Rod or Pen.All Kinds of Piscatorial Adventures  
Graphically Described.No Letters Received After 12 M. To-  
day Can Compete for the Prize.A Prize for Truth-Telling.  
Three fishers chanced to meet on a stormy day.  
To joke and laugh and pass the time away.  
With mugs of ale and long stem pipes they sat.  
And told each wondrous tale of land and sea.All agreed that he who'd tell the biggest story of  
the three  
Should have his pipe and ale for two months  
more.The first one told how, with a thread and twisted  
line,  
And for bait, he'd pulled a ten-pound salmon  
in.The second started, with a wink and smile,  
To tell how he had managed to beguile  
A five-pound cod (for his head he'd)  
And fly others into a mosquito net.The third one, gazing in his mugs as if he thought  
to find  
At least a little more to his mind.  
He said a pond a fathom deep or more,  
Fished from sight by thickly wooded shore,  
Fished from early morn till night,  
And caught—"What?" cried they all—"A  
single bite."With dumb amazement each at the other stared;  
To think how this lone fisherman had dared  
To tell the truth of such a thing they never  
yet had heard.A judge was found: to him the three referred.  
He said a fact so strange he scarce could realize.  
And straightway he awarded him the prize.  
GEORGE L. FENNEL, Stamford, Conn.

Monsters in Oregon Waters.

In Baker's Bay, Portland, Ore., some three  
years ago, a party went out to place some  
nets, and while thus engaged there appeared  
at the stern of their boat a monster head with  
wide extended eyes gazing intensely at their  
movements. Having given the alarm, they  
pulled in their nets and endeavored to  
escape it. With great effort they eventually  
dragged it ashore, and on examination found  
it had caught a monster fish 35 feet long  
with two legs, the knees turned the opposite  
way to ours. The feet were as large and sinu-  
ous as those of a full grown elephant. The  
scales and fins were of immense dimensions,  
though not measured at the time. The  
mouth was like a cavern. A small boy of the  
party, seven years old, was caught in it. It  
had three rows of teeth of a soft white  
nature. On being cut open thirty-four and a  
half barrels of oil were extracted, which  
proved quite valuable. These few particu-  
lars I am able to give, though there were  
others of interest which I fail to remember.  
A smaller monster of similar character was  
caught the following year.

Old Fishermen Cannot Be Deceived.

Three of us were paddling up a river in the  
Adirondacks. We saw the wake of a large  
fish swimming in a shallow bay about fifteen  
feet across at the mouth and eighteen inches  
deep. We had no tackle, but we wanted that  
fish. Turning the boat on its side across the  
mouth of the bay we found that it just  
scooped across and the swell of the boat's  
side just fitted the bottom. Two of us held  
the boat in position, the third went to the  
head of the bay and waded down, snatching  
the fish. Soon we felt fish bumping against  
the boat, and suddenly turning right side  
up we had 28 pickerel, 55 catfish, 19 chubs  
and 70 sunfish, weighing all told, 250 pounds;  
the largest pickerel weighed 18 pounds.

Bass Taking Flies in a Fog.

If anybody questions my veracity, let him  
inquire of my friend John Barnard, 143 Sev-  
enth avenue, who witnessed the occurrence.  
I am going to narrate. I met my friend some  
years ago in Stanton, Tenn., in the company  
of a doctor resident in that town. The doc-  
tor spoke enthusiastically of the excellent  
black bass fishing in a pond one mile off on  
his own estate, and offered me his fishing  
paraphernalia. My friend, who was quite  
familiar with the country, volunteered to  
show me the pond the next day. We started  
at 5 A. M., in a dense fog. We had tramped  
about half a mile when I ran my nose against  
a large tree, and at the same time my friend  
declared we were in the pond. It was then time  
to rig my pole, using a red hackle for  
bait. Before long I had a strike, and landed  
a three-pounder after about five minutes  
of exciting sport. In less than two hours I  
caught four fine bass. It was then time for  
breakfast. Intending to continue our sport  
after the meal, we left campstool, pole andA WORLD Reporter in Uniform Spends  
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